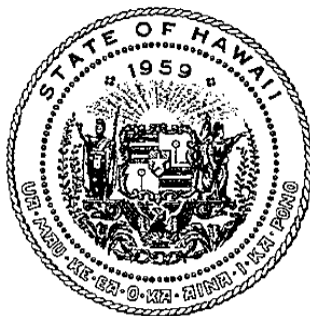


**REPORT TO THE TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
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PROGRESS REPORT ON ACT 124, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2016



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Progress Report

Act 124, SLH 2016 Section 5.1

“Section 5.1. Provided that of the special fund appropriation for agricultural development and marketing (AGR171), the sum of \$200,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 shall be expended for risk assessments performed statewide to identify the pathways of pests moving into ports throughout the state, to determine the risk associated with these pathways, and to determine the resources and methodologies needed to improve interdiction and prevention measures; provided further that the department shall submit a report on its findings to the legislature thirty days prior to the convening of the 2017 regular session.”

The Department is currently allotting funds into the created appropriation codes set up for this mandate. The Department is also in its planning phase on how to best expend available funds for the risk assessments and tasks identified in Section 5.1 in Act 124, SLH 2016. The Department will begin expending these funds in Quarter 3 and Quarter 4 of Fiscal Year 2017.

Act 124 SLH 2016 Section 5.3

“Section 5.3. Provided that of the special fund appropriation for agricultural development and marketing (AGR171), the sum of \$500,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 from the agricultural development and security special fund shall be expended by the department of agriculture, in coordination with agricultural commodity organizations involved with potted plants, cut-flowers, herbs, vegetables, and tropical fruits, for research, importation, evaluation, and distribution of new germplasm necessary to replace high-risk flowers and produce brought into the State; provided further that the department of agriculture shall submit a report on its progress to the legislature thirty days prior to the convening of the 2017 regular session.”

The Department of Agriculture has begun the process of contracting the funds set aside for this mandate. The NEWGERMPLASM17 Request for Proposals is set to award a contract to eligible vendors in early 2017. Once awarded, the Department will contract the awardee to carry out the intent of Section 5.3 of Act 124, SLH 2016. The Department will begin expending these funds in Quarter 3 of Fiscal Year 2017.